

**REMARKS**

The Examiner withdrew claims 66-67 as allegedly being directed to a non-elected invention.

The Examiner rejected claims 28-31, 33, 35-41, 51-54, 56, and 58-64 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over DiStefano et al. (US 5,558,928) in view of Noddin et al. (US 5,276,955).

The Examiner rejected claims 42-44 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over DiStefano et al. (US 5,558,928) in view of Noddin et al. (US 5,276,955).

The Examiner rejected claim 49 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over DiStefano et al. (US 5,558,928) in view of Noddin et al. (US 5,276,955), and further in view of Kooniz et al. (US 6,181,004).

Applicants respectfully traverse the withdrawal of claims 66-67 and the §103 rejections with the following arguments.